Opening of Meeting

A. Brooke Sievers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.


C. Pekoll made a motion to approve the agenda for the 12/11/2023 Board meeting, as submitted. Beribak seconded the motion and it carried.

Beribak    aye         Murray    aye
Bramwell   aye         Pekoll    aye
Leonard    absent      Sievers  aye

D. Pekoll made a motion to approve the 11/20/2023 Board meeting minutes, as submitted. Bramwell seconded the motion and it carried.

Beribak    aye         Murray    aye
Bramwell   aye         Pekoll    aye
Leonard    absent      Sievers  aye

E. Beribak made a motion to approve the Audit Report from Lauterbach & Amen. Bramwell seconded the motion and it carried.

Beribak    aye         Murray    aye
Bramwell   aye         Pekoll    aye
Leonard    absent      Sievers  aye

Reports
A. Ann Scales of Lauterbach & Amen reported on the FY 22-23 Audit, noting that all was well with the year, and thanked Library staff for their assistance in completing the year's tie-out. In the management letter, they noted that there would be some GASB requirements on behalf of the Library, which L & A would assist with when the time comes.

B. Director’s Report: FPPL has largely recovered to pre-pandemic levels, patrons have slightly different needs and tastes in how they use the library from before the pandemic. The most successful library card sign up drive this year after catching up on the clean up of the card roll. AS received a grant to benefit the Senior Circle and other programming for older patrons. January marks the annual review for Director Rakowski.

C. Treasurer’s Report: FPPL received $394,916 in real estate tax revenue.
   a. Discussion of the Certificate of Deposit action item: The Friends of the Library group dissolved in 2018 and donated the entirety of their treasury to FPPL. The proceeds were placed at Forest Park Bank due to a lack of consensus on what to do with the funds at the time. After rolling the CD over multiple times it has been determined that the donation could be put to better use in another form. The Board will meet with a financial advisor during this fiscal year to seek recommendations. Chiefly how these funds could be used to assist in major building repairs in coming years.

D. Board Committee Reports: none

E. Trustee Reports: none

F. Review of the Requirements for the 2024 Per Capita Grant: Serving our Public 4.0 checklist review

G. Public Comment: none

Unfinished Business
None

New Business

A. Bramwell made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $75,587.38. Beribak seconded the motion and it carried.

   Beribak  aye  Murray  aye
   Bramwell aye  Pekoll  aye
   Leonard  absent  Sievers  aye

B. Pekoll made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Schedule of the Library Board of Trustees for the Calendar Year 2024. Bramwell seconded the motion and it carried.
C. Pekoll made a motion to approve The 2024 Library Closure Dates as submitted. Bramwell seconded the motion and it carried.

D. Murray made a motion to approve the Updated ALA Bill of Rights Policy as submitted. Beribak seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Session: none

The Board of Library Trustees will meet in Executive Session under the exception of the Open Meetings Act ILCS Chapter 5, Act 120/2 (c ) Exceptions. “ A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.”

New Business contd.

E. Bramwell made a Motion to approve R023-008 A Resolution Setting Forth the Financial Requirements of the Forest Park Public Library for the Fiscal Year Beginning
May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024, as submitted. Beribak seconded the motion and it carried.

Beribak aye Murray aye
Bramwell aye Pekoll aye
Leonard absent Sievers aye

F. Pekoll made a Motion to approve the rollover of the Certificate of Deposit Funds, as submitted. Beribak seconded the motion and it failed to pass.

Beribak nay Murray nay
Bramwell nay Pekoll nay
Leonard absent Sievers nay

Discussion of Certificate of Deposit. See Treasurer’s Report

Adjournment

Sievers adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm by unanimous consent.

Beribak aye Murray aye
Bramwell aye Pekoll aye
Leonard absent Sievers aye

Respectfully submitted,
James Pekoll, Secretary